

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 790

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A RESOLUTION to recognize and commend McKenly Berry for being honored as Boy Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting for the members of this General Assembly to salute those young citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as emerging community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McKenly Berry, an esteemed resident of Elizabethton, was recently honored as the 2005 Boy Youth of the Year by the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County; and

WHEREAS, sponsored by Reader's Digest Foundation since its inception in 1947 and administered by the Boys and Girls Clubs of America, this praiseworthy awards program recognizes superior leadership skills, academic achievement, the obstacles overcome by its award winners, and outstanding service to the Boys and Girls Club and the community; and

WHEREAS, currently in his first full year at the Boys and Girls Club, McKenly Berry has distinguished himself as a positive role model for his peers since his first day as a member of the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County; and

WHEREAS, McKenly Berry is most grateful to the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County for the positive impact it has made in his life by providing a safe and nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, as the 2005 Boy Youth of the Year honoree for the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County, McKenly will compete against Boys and Girls Club youth from across the State later this year for the august title of Tennessee Youth of the Year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his exemplary service with the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County, McKenly has evidenced a stalwart commitment to public service at an early age; and

WHEREAS, he is actively involved with the Club's athletic program, afterschool program, and any other club activity that the Boys and Girls Club offers; and

WHEREAS, McKenly Berry epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; he now takes his place among the many noble citizens who have earned Tennessee the nickname of "The Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of young people like McKenly Berry who use their talents and resources to serve others; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend McKenly Berry, a young man of extraordinary character, spirit, and talent, on being honored as the 2005 Boy Youth of the Year for the Boys and Girls Club of Elizabethton/Carter County, recognize his outstanding record of volunteerism, leadership, and community spirit, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success and much happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.